

TCWLA LEGAL MATTERS

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May 2007

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO BE A COURT APPOINTED ADVOCATE CLE MAY 21, 2007.

TCWLA will provide a full day (7.25 hours) CLE/training course for Court Appointed Advocates on May 21st at the offices of Winstead PC, located at 401 Congress Avenue, Suite 2100. The cost will be \$80 for TCWLA members and \$100 for non-members, and includes lunch and parking. See the agenda and registration form on pages 10 & 11 for details on speakers, topics and schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Paige Castañeda at pcastaneda@winstead.com or Cameron Vann at cvann@advocacyinc.org.

Thinking Your Way to New Client Opportunities

With Toni Whittier of
Whittier Legal
Consulting

Date: May 23, 2007
Time: 11:45 - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Austin Bar
Association, 816 Congress
CLE: 1.0

Menu: Citrus Ginger Grilled
Chicken, Rice, Green Salad,
Iced Tea and Cookies

**You must RSVP by
Wednesday, May 18th at
noon for a catered lunch. If
we don't you are coming,
we cannot order you lunch.
No shows will be billed.
Brown bag lunches are
welcome.**

"Thinking Your Way to New Client Opportunities" by Toni Whittier of Whittier Legal Consulting

Toni Whittier is a former litigation section head at a major national firm, and now the owner of Whittier Legal Consulting (www.whittierlegal.com), a coaching and consulting firm based in Dallas, Texas. She works with individual lawyers and law firms across the United States on business development and strategic planning. This is not your ordinary seminar! For 2007, Whittier Legal Consulting has created a premier speaking series for women lawyers called PROSPECTives. This unique collection of business development seminars and workshops focuses on how women attorneys can quickly and easily adopt a mindset and strategies for successfully building independent books of business. These sessions go beyond the basics – by incorporating studies, surveys, market data and one-on-one interviews to bring participants the ultimate mix of available information.

Toni will present the foundational session, PROSPECTives 1: Thinking Your Way to New Client Opportunities, to TCWLA. In this session, she will demonstrate how women lawyers can adopt a mindset – starting now – to:

- See and recognize the many business opportunities that surround them
- Confidently approach and connect with target opportunities
- Tap into their communications skills reservoir when business development scenarios arise
- Plant and reap the seeds of effective follow up

Join us for our final speaker of the 2007 bar year!



FROM THE PRESIDENT **May 2007**

The heat is on! I got my first sunburn of the year this past weekend and things are heating up for our organization as well. Even though the end of our 2006-2007 Bar year is around the corner, Travis County Women Lawyers are not slowing down. In fact, the culmination of many of our efforts is still to come in May and June, including CLE seminars and our annual awards and grants luncheon. On May 21st, our annual day-long CLE seminar will take place at the Winstead offices. This year's topic is not our usual Day in Federal Court (which is still available for DVD rental) but is instead a new, much needed program for the training of court appointed advocates. Many thanks to Paige Castaneda, Cameron Vann, Rande Herrell, Judge Naranjo, our speakers, hosts and vendors for your contributions to getting this program off the ground. Register now to

save your seat using the form at the back of this newsletter.

Keep an eye out for announcements about another CLE seminar which will provide ethics hours and entertainment sometime this summer.

By the way, discounts on our CLE seminars are yet another of our many TCWLA membership perks, so if you haven't renewed your membership yet.... well, you probably aren't getting this newsletter! This month we plan to distribute this only to people who are current members in the 2007 calendar year, thus ending our grace period distributions to hold-overs from last year. Newsletters and other email updates are a perk of membership too. If you know of someone who needs another reminder to renew their membership or join the organization, please forward this newsletter to them.

May's general membership meeting is about business development and on the agenda for the June meeting is the election of the new board and brainstorming/

feedback/planning session for the upcoming year. Take note on the newsletter calendar of the dates of those meetings. They will be our last two general meetings before our summer hiatus. We will start back up in September.

On June 15th, we will have our TCWLA/TCWLF annual awards and grants luncheon at the Hilton with the hilarious Shannon Sedwick and our esteemed honorees announced in this newsletter. Come celebrate the terrific work done by Travis County women attorneys and non-profit organizations who provide legal services to women, children and families. Prepare to be uplifted, inspired and just plain have a good meal in the company of good people!

Warmest Regards,

Joelle Boehle
TCWLA President

Julian Gold Happy Hour, April 18th, 2007



TCWLF-TCWLA ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON AND CHARITY RAFFLE

The Travis County Women Lawyers' Foundation and Travis County Women Lawyers' Association will host its Annual Awards Luncheon on Friday, June 15, 2007 at the Austin Hilton. The event will feature Shannon Sedwick, Esther's Follies founder and actor as our celebrity Emcee. This year's luncheon focus will be on the stars of our local legal community who will receive awards for their service to the profession and community, as well as our grant recipients who provide invaluable services and will be receiving grants to fund specific legal projects.

This year's award recipients include: Ms. Lucy Wood for Public Interest; Ms. Edna Yang for Contributions to the Minority Community; Ms. Laurie Eiserloh for Government Service; Ms. Denise Hyde for Pro Bono; Ms. Mary Kay Sicola for Litigation; and Ms. Phyllis Schunck, for Outstanding Achievement. In addition, Henslee, Fowler, Hepworth & Schwartz, LLP will receive the Firm/Organization/Government Entity Award and Ms. Rande Herrell will receive the TCWLA President's Award .

Our 2007 Grant recipients are: Advocacy, Incorporated; The Austin Children's Shelter; Capital Area AIDS Legal Project; FamilyEldercare; Jane's Due Process; Texas C-Bar; Texas Advocacy Project; and Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas.

For the second year we will have a charity raffle with wonderful items from Avant Salon & Spa, The Driskill Hotel, EddieV's Edgewater Grill, The Four Seasons Hotel – Austin, Green Pastures, Jeffrey's, Joe Koen & Sons Jewelers, Lake Austin Spa & Resort, Lisa's Grooming, Mandola's Italian Café, Russell Korman Jewelers, The Stephen F. Austin Intercontinental Hotel and Zach Scott Theatre. In addition, this year we have added a live auction – four tickets to the Daily Show in New York will be auctioned off during the luncheon! Tickets will be available from TCLWF Board members or at the event.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$50 a person. Tickets can be purchased by sending a check to TCWLF, P.O. Box 1386, Austin, Texas 78767 or by RSVP'ing to tcwlfoundation@gmail.com and instructions for charging to credit cards will be forwarded. Sponsorships are also still available. For more information about sponsorships, contact Ms. Ann Greenberg at annelisegreenberg@yahoo.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the luncheon and celebrating the accomplishments of our local stars and grantees!

Meet Your Board Member Elizabeth Poole



Practice Areas: Family Law

Employer: Solo practitioner

Education: As a native Austinite, I grew up wanting to be a Longhorn; so naturally, I went to the University of Texas at Austin for my undergraduate degree. There, I received my bachelor's degree in Spanish Literature and Philosophy, and spent a semester abroad in Valparaiso, Chile. After undergrad, I decided to move out of state to Chicago, where I went to law school at DePaul University College of Law. During my second year, I spent a semester studying at University College of Dublin, Ireland.

Employment: During law school, I spent a summer as a clerk for the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in San Jose, Costa Rica. After graduating, I moved back to Austin to take the Texas Bar. Though Chicago is a wonderful city, it was too cold for me! Back in Austin, I got a job as a staff attorney at the Women's Advocacy Project, where I worked for a year and a half. I have been a solo practitioner in Austin with a family law practice since April 2006.

Family: My parents and younger sister, who currently attends UT, live in Austin. They are the main reason I moved back to Austin after law school. I am lucky to have a very wonderful and supportive family and wanted to live close to them.

Interesting facts: If I could study abroad professionally, I would leave tomorrow. I love to travel, learn about other cultures and meet people. When in Texas, however, I like to read, run around Town Lake, garden and play cards with my grandparents.

This year marks Women's Advocacy Project's 25th Anniversary

In celebration of this milestone, we have changed our name to more accurately reflect our diverse client base, as well as our statewide presence. As of March 1st, 2007 we are Texas Advocacy Project. Please join us in embracing this exciting new chapter in the history of our organization. The Project is a statewide, nonprofit, legal organization that promotes access to justice for Texans in need. Started in 1982 as a legal hotline, the agency has evolved over the years into a leading service provider in the field of family law, particularly where it pertains to helping survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. We now provide a full range of legal services to victims of these crimes across the state of Texas. For more information, and to make a donation, please visit www.texasadvocacyproject.org.

2007 TAKE YOUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK DAY: “DATING VIOLENCE” MOCK TRIAL AND JAIL TOUR

On April 5, 2007, twenty fifth-grade girls from East Austin Norman Elementary visited the 419th District Court and the county jail. Judge Orlinda Naranjo, a Board Member of TCWLA, hosted the girls as part of “Take Your Daughters to Work” Day. Fourteen of the lucky girls were able to participate as an assistant prosecutor, co-defense counsel, and jurors in a Teen Dating Violence Trial. This year we focused on this very germane topic for these girls who are of pre-dating age. The fact pattern involved a young teenage couple where the boyfriend’s violent behavior escalates from controlling to finally physically pushing her and grabbing her hair.

The girls were able to observe professionals and individuals that role played, Defense Attorney Norma Gonzalvez and her client, Nicholas Bates, Court Clerk I from the District Clerk Criminal Division, County Attorney Assistant Linda Magee, and her client, Sarah Racanelli, a sophomore from Cedar Park High School. The girls/jury found the Defendant guilty. After the trial, they had a discussion about the education requirements and experiences of our participants; the participants role in the legal system; and dating violence. The girls defined dating violence, discussed how big is this issue with teenagers, identified the abusive behavior they saw in the trial, how can they prevent abuse, and what can they do if their friend/relative is being abused? The girls were very interactive and we had a lively discussion on the issues.

After lunch, the girls were lead by TCSO Community Liaison Karen Maxwell and Travis County Sheriff’s Officer Vanessa Nimrick through the jail, through the sally port, and the intoxylizer room where Travis County Sheriff Officer Ernest Maldia explained the intoxylizer and fingerprinting. Judge Naranjo presented each student with an official TYDTW t-shirt and a Certificate of Appreciation for their participation in the event.

A special thanks goes to the volunteers, sponsors Ewbank and Byrom, P.C., Papa Johns, our participants, and to Sheriff Greg Hamilton for his help in organizing the jail tour. This was an excellent opportunity for these girls to see role models and to have a positive, learning experience about our legal system, judges, and deputies, as well as discuss very important social and timely issues for these young ladies.

By Judge Orlinda Naranjo
419th District Court
Chair, Take Our Daughters to Work Day



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 21st	All Day/6 hrs	CLE Seminar for Training Court Appointed Family Advocates
May 23rd	11:45-1:00 pm	Membership meeting: Thinking Your Way to New Client Opportunities
June 15th	11:45 am	Annual Awards and Grant Luncheon at the Hilton
June 21st	11:45-1:00 pm	General Membership Meeting: Election of New Board and Brainstorming Session

Julian Gold – Babyproofing Happy Hour

Special thanks to author Cathy O’Neill, Julian Gold and the WNBA San Antonio Silver Stars for hosting TCWLA on April 18 for an evening of cocktails, amazing appetizers, fun and fashion! Cathy, a former TCWLA board member, discussed her new book, *Babyproofing Your Marriage*, co-authored along with Stacie Cockrell and Julia Stone, recently published by HarperCollins and available in bookstores and online now. Cathy, a working mom of two (and a lawyer!) shared hilarious stories and practical advice on surviving parenthood as a couple without letting things like “Scorekeeping” or the “Ten O’Clock Shoulder Tap” get you down. We also met special guests from the WNBA team, the San Antonio Silver Stars, and learned the latest trends from the impeccably dressed team at Julian Gold. And did we mention the exclusive, after hours shopping? The drinks? The amazing food? If you missed this free event, you really missed out. Thanks to our incredible hosts at Julian Gold, to The Silver Stars, and to Cathy.

A Call for Volunteers!

- Who we are:** The Austin Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure
- What we do:** We are launching a brand-new Public Relations Committee to spread the word about local Komen events and resources for breast cancer patients and their loved ones.
- What we need:** Smart and savvy people interested in devoting at least one year to working with media relations, event publicity, website development, and other marketing projects for Komen.
- Who you are:** Motivated volunteer with an interest in (or experience in) public relations and marketing, and a passion for taking up the fight against breast cancer to change and save lives.
- What you do:** If you are interested in finding out more about this committee or becoming a committee member, please contact Committee Co-Chair, Heather Davies Bernard at hdbernard@gmail.com

Announcements

Have something you want to share with membership? Let us know!

Member Book Suggestions:

Beasts of No Nation: A Novel,
by Uzodinma Iweala

Waiting for Snow in Havana, by
Carloe Eirie

The Namesake, by Jhumpa
Lahiri

The Shia Revival: How Conflicts
within Islam Will Shape the
Future, by Vale Nasr

The Year of Magical Thinking,
by Joan Didion

Teresa Shahan Shapiro, a licensed Texas attorney with over six years private practice experience, seeks contract work drafting or research in areas of estate planning, elder law, family law, real estate, business and contracts, Call 512-828-6723 or 512-964-7872.

Spring is for SafePlace
Since spring is here, we are collecting cleaning supplies for SafePlace as our spring community service project. Please donate cleaning supplies, such as bathroom and kitchen cleaners, paper towels, sponges, or cleaning equipment at our April membership meeting. All donations will be delivered to SafePlace.

State Bar Building is still under construction, so we can't use their space until that's done. Meetings are at the Austin Bar Association in the meantime. (816 Congress)

Find your 2007 membership applications at the back of the newsletter!! It is past time to renew.

Want to be admitted to the Western District? Rent the DVD from TCWLA.

Email tcwlaorg@gmail.com for details.

April Happy Hour



As Small Business Freedom Fighters at *IT Freedom*, We Liberate Companies from the Headaches and Hassles of...

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TCWLA

Travis County Women Lawyers' Association 2007 CALENDAR YEAR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date: _____ New Member: _____ Renewing Member: _____
Firm/Company/School Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Zip Code: _____
Office Phone: _____ Office Fax: _____
E-mail: _____ _ (For newsletters and notices)

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Please indicate your practice areas for publication in the online directory:

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Committee Information

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers Bureau | <input type="checkbox"/> "Color of Justice" Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Susan G. Komen/TCWLA Project |

Feedback/Suggestions

What I hope to get out of TCWLA membership:

What I can give to get the most out of TCWLA membership:

Things I would like TCWLA to do:

Speakers/topics I recommend for TCWLA membership programs:

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Have questions? Call (512) 370-WLAW (9529) or send an e-mail to tcwlaorg@gmail.com if you have questions about membership. TCWLA membership is on a calendar year basis (January 1 - December 31).

Dues: \$40.00 per year; \$20.00 per half-year Lifetime Membership: \$400.00; Law Student: \$20.00
 Additional Voluntary Contribution: \$_____

*****Please renew your membership January 1, 2007*****

Send completed application and check to: TCWLA, P.O. Box 684683, Austin, TX 78768-4683.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO BE A COURT APPOINTED ADVOCATE

May 21, 2007

At the offices of Winstead PC (401 Congress Ave., Suite 2100, Austin, TX 78701)

Registration Form – Three ways to register

ONLINE:

www.tcwla.org

Using paypal only

FAX:

512-370-2850

Attn: Paige Castañeda

Subject: TCWLA CLE

Mail check as provided under “MAIL”

Or provide Credit Card information below

MAIL:

TCWLA

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Austin, TX 78768

Fee:

\$80 for Members of TCWLA*

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* Your registration fee includes lunch and parking

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Questions? Please call Paige Castañeda at 512-370-2839

TCWLA SPRING CLE – 7.25 hrs.
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO BE A COURT APPOINTED ADVOCATE
May 21, 2007 at the office of Winstead, Sechrest & Minick

- 8:00 – 8:20 Registration
- 8:20 – 8:30 Welcome and conference instructions –Paige Castañeda
- 8:30 – 10:00 I got the appointment – now what do I do? The nuts and bolts of a CPS case. – Connie Jobe, Community Relations Board Member, CAFA Section of the Austin Bar Association; and Rande K Herrell, The Herrell Law Firm
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 11:15 Ethical considerations for court appointed advocates. – Tina Amberboy, Chair, CAFA Section of the Austin Bar Association and Baylor Law School adjunct professor
- 11:15 – 11:45 Clients with Disabilities. – Lucy Wood, Advocacy Inc.
- 11:45 – 12:00 Break – set up for lunch
- 12:00 – 1:00 Judicial Panel – Judge Darlene Byrne (Travis County District Court), Justice Eva Guzman (14th Court of Appeals), Justice Bob Pemberton (3rd Court of Appeals), and a Supreme Court panelist; Moderator – Judge Orlanda Naranjo (Travis County District Court)
- 1:00 – 1:15 Break – clean up from lunch
- 1:15 – 1:45 Mediation for court appointed advocates. – Tricia Heil
- 1:45 – 3:00 What you need to know about available services for your child client with mental illness or other disability – panel of experts:

MHMR (Cristy Castleberry, Bluebonnet MHMR)/ Meds for Kids (Richard LaVallo, Advocacy, Inc.)/ Schools (David Beinke, Cirkiel and Associates representative)/ Court coordination of services (Hon. Karin Bonicoro, Child Protective Court of Central Texas) – Moderator – Cameron Vann, Advocacy, Inc.
- 3:00 – 3:15 Break
- 3:15 – 3:45 Defending against a petition for enforcement by contempt – the court appointed attorney in an Attorney General or Domestic Relations Office case. – Eric Foran, Attorney at Law
- 3:45 – 4:00 Break
- 4:00 – 5:00 Guardianships in Probate Court. – Holly Gilman, Gilman and Associates

**LAWYERS FOR WOMEN FIGHTING BREAST CANCER
ATTORNEY VOLUNTEER SIGNUP FORM**

**A Project of Travis County Women Lawyers' Association in Partnership with Volunteer Legal Services and the
William Wayne Justice Public Policy Center at the University of Texas School of Law**

Volunteer Attorney: _____ *Bar No.* _____

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_____ **I am a member of Travis County Women Lawyers Association**

Note: Our Case Referral Coordinator will call to discuss individual referrals with you.

I will accept pro bono cases in the following areas of law:

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
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| _____ Consumer | _____ Guardianships | _____ Real Estate |
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| _____ Education | _____ Insurance | _____ Tax |
| _____ Employment Problems | _____ Landlord/Tenant | _____ Torts Defense |
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_____ I am willing to mentor a UT Law Student assigned to help with a case.

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_____ **I speak Spanish fluently.**

Comments: _____

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